

Two Dollars a year, in advance.
Massillon, Wednesday, May 24.

News came to us yesterday that vice-president Colfax was stricken with paralysis, and that he was not expected to survive it. We hope the report is exaggerated.

On Tuesday evening of last week a railroad meeting was to be held at the mayor's office, but in consequence of the heavy rain storm so few were in attendance that nothing could be done. On next day a canvassing committee raised some \$25,000 in subscriptions in behalf of the proposed north and south road. Much more than that can and we are certain will be done in favor of this proposed work. Massillon is too deeply interested in this project to not take more stock in the road—for a railroad crossing here is certain premise of other and greater advances in business. Leetonia is a new place, not yet ten years old, but already it has three furnaces, a rolling mill, and manufactory of lightning rods, but they anticipate soon having a nail factory, a railroad iron rolling mill and paper mill, with other machinery. Leetonia is at the crossing of P. & C. R.R. and Niles and New-Lisbon R.R. and if so new a place can realize such advantages from a crossing, it is unmistakable that a similar advantage will prove of incalculable importance to Massillon, a place which has already such a fair start in the world. A brief sketch of the proceedings of the railroad committee, which met at Cleveland last week will be found elsewhere.

One of the political sensations of those last days is the newest platform or programme of C. L. Vandalongham and his friends. A few days ago some portion of them assembled at a public place in Montgomery county, where the immortal V. proceeded to read to his followers a series of more than twenty resolutions. These resolutions indicate, and even acknowledge, that there has been a war in this country—that this war was not a failure in behalf of the objects for which the party of the union and liberty contended; but on the contrary it successfully abolished slavery—that following this abolition of oppression was a constitutional amendment ratifying the same, then another amendment making all parties equal before the law, and still another giving the ballot to the negro. Then it was further resolved that the taxes shall be lessened and the public debt paid, and that the government be carried on economically. The result of the whole movement is, that the democracy accept the situation as they find it, rendered so by the action of the republican party. If the democracy accede to all these ideas, and accept the new condition of things, they may about as well adopt republican candidates and go the whole figure. There would seem to be no principles to divide them. If this new outlook has anything like sincerity about it, why it looks as if the democracy is not quite as eternal and unchangeable as it used to claim. It does alter—even Bourbons learn.

Gen. Carey seems to have quit politics, and has again got into his old track—that is, he is again successfully lecturing on temperance. Whenever he goes he stirs up an interest in behalf of the cause in such a way that those who hear him will not forget. Having found out that it is a mistake for a man who has the reformation of the world at heart to advocate the doctrines of modern democracy, it is not probable that Gen. Carey will repeat the error of sustaining such a party. He evidently is a man of rare ability as a temperance advocate, and we hope he will keep right along at his work. As a moral reformer he seems to be more of a success than as a political gladitor.

The French troubles seem nearing an end. Latest accounts indicate that the Versailles or government party is making such progress as will soon conclude the present war. Or if they don't shortly do this there is an army of Germans ready to help flog and put down the rebels. It causes much trouble in that country to suffer so unmercifully a condition of affairs, and the sooner it is at peace the better.

The U. S. Senate is now in session, for the purpose of acting on the doings of the joint commission. Some progress has been made but much time has been wasted in trying to find out who it was that made public the doings of the commission before the time.

We are much obliged to quite a number of our editorial brethren for facts of interest in regard to the history of printing offices and newspapers in their various localities, but thus far only a small fragment compared with the entire number in the state has been received. Bro. Lane of the Beacon, Akron, has favored us with a pretty full account of printing enterprises in that city, and they are legion—which is a good thing.

L. S. & T. V. RAILROAD.

The Board of Directors of the Lake Shore and Tuscarawas Valley Railroad re-assembled at the Weddel House parlors at ten o'clock on Friday, the president, Hon. W. S. Streator, in the chair.

A communication was presented from R. R. Hartwick resigning the office of treasurer of the company, giving as a reason thereof, that he only consented to act until the time should arrive for the permanent organization of the company, and he believed that time had now arrived. The resignation was accepted and Sylvester T. Everett was elected to that position. A communication was also presented from Thomas Jones Jr., stating that having been appointed City Auditor he would be unable to discharge the duties of secretary of the company, and resigning that office. It was accepted and William H. Grout, of Cleveland was chosen to fill the vacancy.

On motion of Mr. Harmont, J. F. Card, Clement Russel, Selah Chamberlain were chosen the Executive Committee.

Messrs. J. F. Card, D. P. Rhodes, and S. T. Everett were appointed a special committee to solicit subscriptions to the capital stocks of the company, in the city of Cleveland.

Remarks were made by various

gentlemen urging the importance of immediate effort to raise the remainder of the stock, all expressing the fullest confidence that it could be done.

The Board adjourned to meet at the Weddel House on Thursday, 25th, at two o'clock P. M.

PANAMA.—Would it not be well for the government of the United States to pay more attention to affairs on the Isthmus of Panama? There are valuable American interests there that require to be constantly guarded, and yet there is not an American vessel of war at either end to afford protection to American property or American residents in case of emergency. Of late the steamer Montijo has been seized by a party of rebels, and there is no power to regain possession of her. The railroad interests are left to take care of themselves, and the numerous passengers still crossing from ocean to ocean are without protection whatever in case of a disturbance arising.

There may be a repetition of the massacre of 1856 unless measures are soon

taken to guard against it, and if there

is the responsibility must rest with our government, as it knows full well the

dangers to which our people and their

property are subjected on the Isthmus of Panama.—*N. Y. Herald.*

Reported for the Independent, COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Wednesday Evg., May 17, 1871.

Regular Session—G. L. Russell presiding.

Roll Call—Members present, Messrs. Russell, Mong, Ruchi, Kirkland, Crone, Boiling, and Willenborg.

Minutes read and approved.

The street and alley committee to whom was referred the report of the street commissioner for the two weeks ending May 6, reported favorable, excepting upon that portion which referred to work done by E. Keller on the old Wooster road, which was on motion of Mr. Ruchi, laid on the table.

The street commissioner presented his report for work done on streets and alleys for the week ending May 13th to be \$73,50.

Mr. Ruchi moved that the ordinance amending an ordinance fixing the salary of the city solicitor be taken up for its third reading and final passage. Yeas 6; nays 1. Read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Mong the judiciary committee were instructed to draft an ordinance prescribing the duties and fixing the salary of the city clerk.

Mr. Boiling offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the mayor is hereby instructed to notify all property holders on North st, between Prospect and Race sts, to pave the gutters and fix the sidewalks with gravel or cinder, which resolution was on motion of Mr. Oberlin adopted.

Mr. Kirkland moved that the property owners on the north side of Jarvis st, between Erie st. and Mill st. be instructed to gutter and pave the sidewalks with brick or stone. Motion prevailed.

The Mayor presented a communication from Mr. Ed. A. Lee, auditor of Stark Co., requesting the appointment by the council of six persons to constitute a Board of Equalization for the city of Massillon. The following persons were appointed: George Harsh, James H. Justus, John G. Warwick, Thomas H. Russell, Henry Altekroose, and Warren C. Richards. Said board to meet at the Mayor's office on Monday, the 22d day of May, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

On motion of Mr. Willenborg the city clerk was instructed to notify, in writing, each person constituting said board.

The Mayor submitted the following:

Mayor's Office, May 17, 1871. To the President and members of the city Council,

Gentlemen:—The matter referred to me requiring the several ward assessors to report the amount of their valuation of personal property in their respective wards, are reported as follows:

1st Ward, \$266,361

2d " 441,981

3d " 216,727

4th " 33,302

Total \$958,371

No. of male persons liable to poll tax.

1st Ward 275

2d " 331

3d " 145

4th " 145

B. B. WARNER, Mayor.

There being no further business the council adjourned.

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A DONATION PARTY.

Somewhere in Pennsylvania there is a Presbyterian clergyman, whose nominal salary is \$450 a year. But it was six months in arrears, and the congregation determined to give him a donation party to help him along.

It came off—the donation party did.

The entire flock was on hand, but of the presents there were only six rolling pins, and pen wipers, and a quarter of a peck of dried apples, crop of 1864.

The minister of course, had to furnish refreshments; and the company not only discouraged for hours, three and a half pounds of sixty cent butter and thirteen loaves of bread, but ate up two pounds of sugar, and all the next winter's preserves.

To crown all, four spoons were missing.

The clergyman says he wants to have just one more donation party, and then will close up his business and begin life over again as a pauper in the alm's house.

He is particularly down on one sister, who jammed herself full of ham and preserves and enough of other succulent diet to keep the rest of the family for a week, and then lay up against the wall, pretending to be religious, and singing, 'There is rest for the weary.'

A man in Georgia has found a diamond weighing about 35 pounds. It must be of the first water and very valuable, for he has refused \$25 for it.

A rope has just been completed at Birmingham, England, which is about six miles long, five and a quarter inch in circumference, and weighs over sixty tons.

Maples large enough to make three ten foot rails each, with 4000 trees to the acre, have been raised from the seed in seven years in Monroe county Iowa.

Hall's Journal of Health says, a six-penny sandwich, eaten leisurely in the ears, is better for you than a dollar dinner, bolted at a station.

Two girls in a small town in Ohio run a blacksmith shop all by themselves. They dress in bloomer costume, and shoe a horse just as well as a man.

John Chinaman being asked to take a drink said, 'No, whisky makes China man one first rate fool.' The poor heathen Chinkee!

Seven years of careful inquiry are needed for a man to learn the truth, fourteen in order to learn how to make it known to his fellow men.

An old gentleman being asked what he wished for dinner, replied, 'An appetite, good company, something to eat, and a napkin.'

Suicide statistics state that more men kill themselves than women. Women prefer drowning; men blow their brains out. More single persons commit suicide than married ones, and more divorced persons than widowed.

He lives near Worcester now—the man's twin—and he's a deacon. Not long ago his father and mother died, and his brother buried them. About half a load of earth had to be carted away, and the deacon charged his brother fifty cents for the use of his horse and cart.

A traveler, we are told, being in a wild country where he could find no provisions for himself or dog, cut off the dog's tail and boiled it for his own supper and gave the dog the bone.

Governess—"Why! Harry! Have n't you a kiss for Uncle Potter—and have not seen him for so long, too?"

Harry—"No, Mrs. D—. Men—in America at least—don't go kissing each other."

A loquacious young man came to Isocrates to learn the art of oratory. Isocrates asked him double price. Why charge me double?" asked the youth. Isocrates replied: 'Because I must teach you two sciences—the one how to be silent; the other, how to speak.'

"Lo! The poor Missionary!"—A squaw in central Michigan had a papoose on her arm, exceedingly white for a member of its race, which fact induced a gentle man to ask if it was not half breed, whereon she said: "No, not a drop of white blood about it—half Indian and half missionary."

Daniel Webster once said: 'There is nothing upon this earth that can compare with the faithful attachment of a good wife, no creature who, for the object of her love, is so indomitable, so persevering, so ready to suffer and die.' Under the most depressing circumstances, woman's weakness becomes a mighty power; her timidity becomes fearless courage; all her shrinking and sinking passes away, and her spirit acquires the firmness of marble—adamantine firmness—when circumstances drive her to put forth all her energies under the inspiration of her affection.

Mark Twain thus prescribes for an aspirant for literary fame:

"YOUNG AUTHOR"—Yes, Agassiz does recommend authors to eat fish, because the phosphorus in it makes brain. So far you are correct. But I cannot help you to a decision about the amount you need to eat—at least, not with certainty. If the specimen composition you send is about your fair usual average, I should judge that perhaps a couple of whales would be all you would want for the present. Not the largest kind, but simply good muddling sized whales.

BLANK LEAVES FOR SALE.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

Episcopal church..... G. W. Timore, rector. Methodist Ep. church..... E. H. Haynes, pastor. Presbyterian..... R. L. Williams, pastor. German Reformed..... H. Korthauer, pastor. Evangelical Lutheran..... P. L. Buell, pastor. St. Joseph's, Catholic..... Father Verlet. St. Mary's, Catholic..... Father Leis. Disciples, every other Sunday Prof. Atwater.

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